

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3405 - HB 3682

March 27, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the governmental tort liability limits for medical malpractice actions against Nashville General Hospital in Davidson County.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,500,000*

Assumptions:

- The cost of medical malpractice insurance for Nashville General Hospital is estimated to be between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.
- Malpractice claims could increase due to the more lucrative nature of such suits in the absence of tort liability limits.
- As more suits are brought, the cost of the medical malpractice premium would increase.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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